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Borough Library, Playground Hardest Hit By Curtailment of Council's Proposed Budget

Officials of Library Board State Services Must Be Cut Unless Additional Money Is Received; Playground Repairs Delayed

Club Officials Release Birds

Howell I. Dietrich, president of the Lower Merion Rod and Gun Club which meets monthly in the Narberth Community Building, watches as his wife, secretary of the Club, takes a ring-necked pheasant from a cage before releasing it. The Club recently released 550 birds in Montgomery County which had been raised at Eastern State Penitentiary at Gratersford.

Church Group Plans Spring Music Festival

Well-Known Artists To Be Starred in Program May 5 in Bala-Cynwyd

A galaxy of well-known musical soloists and choral groups will be featured in the Spring Music Festival to be held at the Bala-Cynwyd Junior High School, Wednesday, May 5, at 8.30 P. M.

Sponsored by the Frank E. Baker Men's Bible Class of the Bala-Cynwyd Methodist Church, the program will feature Fritz Krueger, Betty Jean Kimble and Virginia Kendrick as soloists and the Philadelphia Kiwanis Glee Club, the Philadelphia Male Quartet and the KYW Concert Orchestra under the baton of Clarence Fuhrman.

President of the Bible Class is Wallace R. Smiles, with F. E. Caballero as General Chairman in charge of the Festival Committes.

Listed as members of the committees are the following: Music Committee: Robert H. Luff, Robert J. Scott, Robert F. Brown, Merle M. Frederick, Dr. Paul H. Neese, F. Engle Taylor, Jr., Herbert H. Middleton and John W. Deimler.

On the Promotion and Publicity Committee are William H. Millick, Jr., Herbert H. Middleton, George W. Richards, Emory N. Mumma, James L. Tabor, Daniel J. Taylor and William L. Kraft.

Decoration and Stage Committee: G. Gilbert Abel, E. Gordon Biggs, Arthur W. Bowen, Harry Buck and Dr. A. L. Wright.

On the Printing Committee are Wallace Smiles, William H. Millick, Merle M. Frederick, J. Homer Koonce, William C. Leslie and Harold C. Millman.

Subscription and Tickets: Earl Slaughter, F. Engle Taylor, Jr., J.

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Mrs. Ehle Endorsed As House Candidate

Mrs. Emily L. Ehle, of the Montgomery Court Apartments, Narberth, has been endorsed as candidate for the State Legislature from Montgomery County by the executive committee of the County Democratic Committee, it was announced last week.

The committee also endorsed Harry H. Keller as candidate for Congress; John T. Durnin, of 1344 Garden Rd., Dverbrook Manor, and Dr. J. Elmer Porter, of Pottstown, for District Delegates to the Democratic National Convention; John C. Weeks, of Abington, and John Lynch, of Fulmor Heights, for Alternate District Delegates, and James Turley, of Bridgeport, for State Committeeman.

School Board To Pay Higher Insurance Rate

Must Cover 80 Per Cent of Replacement Value by Law

The Narberth School Board will pay an additional $153,000 for fire insurance this year, according to a report made last Thursday night at a meeting of the School Board.

The report was based on a survey made of the building recently by the three insurance companies which hold policies on the building. With the increase the building will be insured for a total of $311,000.

According to state law, 80 per cent of the replacement value of the building must be carried by the School Board, and as the building had previously been insured for only $158,000, the building was under-insured a total of $153,000.

An official of the Board stated this week that the replacement value of the building had risen because of the high cost of building materials and labor today.

"If anything had happened to the building several years ago," the official said, "we would have had ample coverage, but now we must increase our insurance in order to meet the higher replacement value of the building."

A new gymnasium floor and new heating unit were recently installed in the building, but the raise in the insurance rate was not caused by these additions.

Plans for paying the increased rate will be discussed at a meeting of the budget committee of the Board to be held later this month.

James A. Drennen, principal of the school, gave a brief report of a meeting of the American Association of School Administrators held last week in the Atlantic City. He also announced that members of the Narberth Boy Scout Troop had received permission to use the school gymnasium three nights a week.

PART IN PLAY

James Billington, of 228 Avon Rd., Narberts, is participating in the production of Shakespeare's "Richard II," now being presented by Princeton University.

Kenneth L. Pray, 66, Dies; Headed Democrats Here

Narberth Resident Urged Merger of Borough With Lower Merion Township

Kenneth L. M. Pray, Narberth Democratic leader and one-time advocate of merging the borough with Lower Merion Township, died Monday in Jefferson Hospital. He was 66.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P. M. Friday in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Locust St. between 16th and 17th Sts., Philadelphia, with the Rev. Harry S. Ruth, of

KENNETH L. M. PRAY

St. Barnabas Church, Burlington, N. J., officiating. Acting pallbearers will be Walter P. Townsend, director of the Philadelphia Bureau, Pennsylvania Children's Aid Society; C. Wilson Anderson, of the Wilmington, Del., Family Court; Edmund G. Burbank, faculty member of the Pennsylvania School of Social Work; Robert C. Taber, director of the Department of Pupil Personnel, Philadelphia Public Schools; Lesser Zussman, of the Federation of Jewish Charities, and Sidney Eisenberg, of the Jewish Welfare Society of Philadelphia.

Mr. Pray, whose home was at 310 Woodside Ave., was dean of the Pennsylvania School of Social Work of the University of Pennsylvania and professor of Social Planning and Administration in the school.

A native of Whitewater, Wis., Mr. Pray moved to Narberth in 1924 and was consistently identified with projects of benefit to the borough.

It was his interest in an organized recreation program that led, in 1929, to the appointment of a Borough Recreation Board. As one of its members, Mr. Pray helped to develop the long-range program which now provides recreational facilities for Borough residents of all ages.

In the early thirities Mr. Pray was leader of a movement to have the Borough of Narberth annered to Lower Merion Township. He advocated the merger in the belief that it would be of benefit to the

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Legion Post to Hold Auction April 19

Plans for a country auction to be held April 9 were discussed at a meeting of the Harold D. Speakman Post of the American Legion of Narberth held last week in the Legion Room of the Community Building.

William Clipsham has been appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the affair. His committee will be in charge of procuring articles to be sold at the auction which will be handled by Adams Brothers.

Articles for donation may be turned over to the Post through Clarence M. Beltz, of 504 Brookhurst Ave., Narberth 3865, or Clipsham, who lives at 200 So. Narberth Ave., Narberth 2222-M.

Public Phase of Bryn Mawr Fund To Open Soon

Scott Announces Chairmen of Campaign to Begin in April

The final phase of the $2,500,000 Building Fund of the Bryn Mawr Hospital will open in April, when the general public is asked to support the community hospital, it was announced this week.

Edgar Scott, fund chairman, in making the announcement, said that chairman for the public fund will be J. Paul Crawford, of Rosemont, executive vice president of the Slater System, Inc. Vice chairman will be Edwin M. Rhea, assistant counsel of the Philadelphia Electric oC., and the chairmen of the four districts served by the hospital include the following:

Eugene C. DeVol, associate general agent of the National Life Insurance Co. for District 1, including Bala-Cynwyd, Merion, Narberth, Overbrook, Overbrook Hills and Penn Valley.

John W. Dawson, Jr., attorney, District 2, including Ardmore, Ardmore Park, Chatham Village, Havertown, Merion Golf Manor, Penn Wynne and Wynnewood.

Harley L. Rankin, assistant vice president of the First Boston Corporation, is chairman of District 3, which takes in Bryn Mawr, Conshohocken, Garrett Hill, Gladwyne, Haverford, Rosemont and Villanova.

Ernest von Starck, partner of Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, leads District 4, including Berwyn, Broomall, Daylesford, Devon, Ithan, King of Prussia, Leopard, Newtown Square, Paoli, Radnor, St. Davids, Starfford, Sugartown, Wayne and White Horse.

District chairmen have already begun to enlist commanders, and the posts of captains and lieutenants for the 101 teams will be filled as soon

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Name Committees Of Civic Assoc.

Wynnewood Park Groups Appointed at Meeting

The Wynnewood Park Civic Association appointed standing committees for the coming year at a meeting called by the President, Harry A. Dougherty, Thursday.

The following were appointed: Membership, Frank Patton, Chairman; Olan Black and Harry Dougherty; Traffic and Safety, Mrs. Walter Fish, Chairman; Mrs. Fred Morton and Mrs. A. S. Benner; Athletics, John Prater, Chairman; Donald Riddell and John Howarth; Publicity, Thomas Brady, Chairman; Robert Halder and James Claffey; Solicitor, Eugene Bonniwell; Zoning and Building, John Coffey, chairman; Thomas Gibson and Helen McKee; Program, James McDevitt, Chairman; Kay Groves and Thomas Kennedy; Ways and Means, Mrs. Burritt Sawyer, Chairman, George Nauta and Harry Dougherty; Educational, Daniel Paul, Chairman; Samuel Gullick and Joseph S. Dwyer; Delegates to the Civic Council of Haverford Township, Mrs. Burritt Sawyer, Senior Delegate; James Claffey, John Coffey, Alternate, and Donald Riddell, Alternate.

Plans were disussed for the collection of annual dues and for a new member drive.

The Association plans to hold a Spring Dance at the Ardmore Women's Club sometime in April

Panel to Discuss 'You & the Atom'

John M. McCullough, well-known newspaperman who was present at Bikini for the atom bomb test, will participate in a panel discussion of "You and the Atom" at a meeting in First Presbyterian Church, Ardmore, at 8 P. M. Monday.

Open to the public, this is the last in a sreies of four meetings sponsored by the United aNtions Council of Philadelphia, the Foreign Policy Association and the Lower Merion Township League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Kenneth Appel, of Wynnewood, league member, will be chairman and panel members besides McCullough will include the following:

Dr. W. E. Stephens, associate professor of physics at the University of Pensylvania, who will discuss "Scientific Aspects of the Atom Question"; and Dr. Thomas O. Jones, associatte professor of chemistry at Haverford College, and Chief Secretary of Information, Division of Manhattan Project and Responsible Reviewer of the Relief Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission of the United States. He will speak on "U. S. Control of the Atom Bomb."

McCullough, who is special writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer, will talk on "World Control of the Atom Bomb." Following the panel talks, the chairman will open the meeting to questions from the audience.

LM League Starts Annual Drive

Congressman McConnell To Talk at Mar. Meeting

Mrs. James P. Carroll, of Penn Valley, chairman for the Lower Merion Township League of Women Voters' third annual finance drive, will receive reports from her captains and solicitors at a luncheon meeting Friday. The meeting will be held at noon in the Overbrook Golf Club.

Early this week, Mrs. Carroll announced that 65 percent ($1650) of the goal has already been reached. Friday's reports are expected to increase the amount.

The league will hold an Orientation Tea for new members at 3 P. M. Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. Robert P. Williams, of 710 Pennstone Rd., Bryn Mawr. Teas are given at various intervals to familiarize new members with league aims and to help them become better acquainted with each other.

Other league events for March include a general meeting March 22, when Samuel K. McConnell, Jr., of Wynnewood, U. S. Representative from Montgomery County, will be the speaker. The Economic Welfare Department will hold a meeting March 11 at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Enos J. Derham, of Bryn Mawr. Subject will be Reciprocal Trade.

The International Trade group will meet March 18 at 10.30 A. M. in the Ashbridge House, Rosemont, I. Sandowsky, Administrator of Gratz College, Philadelphia, will discuss "Present Problems of Palestine."

Men's Club Plans Special Program

The annual ladies' night program of the Men's Association of the Overbrook Presbyterian Church will be held Monday, March 8, at 8.15 P. M., in the church house.

The program is under the direction of W. Dean Stapp, of Merion, and will include musical selections by Fritz Krueger, and a program by Roy G. Howells entitled, "When Were You Born?"

Dr. George Emerson Barnes will preach upon "Our Heritage of History," at the morning service to be held Sunday at 11 A. M. Music for the service will include two numbers by the choir and a solo by Floria Hunter, soprano.

Dr. Barnes will preach on "Is It I?" at the mid-week Lenten service to be held Wednesday evening, March 10. A quartet including Margaret Lessig, Jean Rolston, Marilyn Davies, Evelyn Lockhart and Betty Hunter, will provide the music for the service.

Ellwood J. Turner Dies After Illness In Chester Hosp.

Veteran State Legislator Also Headed River Board; Succumbs at 61

Ellwood J. Turner, veteran member of the State Legislature and founder and chairman of the Interstate Commission on the Delaware River Basin, died in Chester Hospital Monday after a nine weeks' illness. He was 61.

ELLWOOD JACKSON TURNER

Mr. Turner, whose term would have expired at the end of the year, announced recently that due to illness he would not be a candidate again for Republican nomination to the Legislature.

He suffered a heart attack Sunday at his home on Idle Wood Lane, Media, and was taken to Chester Hospital upon orders of his physician, Dr. Newton A. Wyman. Previously, Mr. Turner had been stricken by heart attacks during the 1946 and 1947 election campaigns.

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Cynwyd Man Will Appear on Program

John E. Kramer, of 129 Overhill Rd., Cynwyd, will appear on a radio program heard over station WPEN Sunday afternoon sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Employment Service and the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Office Management Association.

Kramer, registrar of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, is also first vice-president of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Pharmaceutical Association. He will be heard on the program to be heard March 14 from 12.05 to 12.30 P. M.

RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

The Rev. Dr. B. L. Scott pastor of Lower Merion Baptist Church, Bryn Mawr, was last week re-elected president of the Pennsylvania Temperance League, formerly known as the Anti-Saloon League.

What about those husbands who don't play bridge?
Read "Ely and Us" in
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The popular new column with a Main Line Locale
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Rotary Hears Gilbert Talk On High School

Principal Describes Activities; Students Appear on Program

An outline of the manifold activities of a modern high school was presented Tuesday to members of the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club, meeting for luncheon at the Overbrook Golf Club.

Guest speaker was George H. Gilbert, principal of the Lower Merion Senior High School, who is a member of Ardmore Rotary. Gilbert was introduced by the chairman of the Youth Committee, George Kirkpatrick, principal of Bala-Cynwyd Junior High School.

The various departments into which the high school activities are divided were outlined: Academic, in which Lower Merion has one of the highest ratings in the United States; business training, technical or vocational training, music, art and athletics.

Gilbert reported that students from the academic department have been attending 174 accredited colleges throughout the country. Business students are sent out in their senior year to get first-hand training in typing, filing and stenogarphy, to local offices and business concerns as a part of their regular training.

Pointing to a display of pottery, a drill press and examples of tinsmithing, Gilbert explained that these are turned out by students enrolled in the technical training department, one of the most popular in the high school.

From the school's music department he brught with him Richard Marryot, violinjst, accompanied by Phyllis Smith at the piano. They played two calssical selections, and were followed by James Reagan, who read aloud an essay of his own composition on George Washingtn. Reagan first presented the essay at the school assembly on Washington's birthday, and the principal was so impressed that he brought the student along as an example of the work that is done in the school.

Wallace Smith presided at the business meeting. The birthdays of seven members were recognized with poems composed and read about by Hervey Keim in the absence of the club's "poet laureate," Walter Case, who is vacationing in Florida.

Those honored were Fred Cabellero, James Drenne, Albert Vick, Robert Hobson, Joseph Whiteside, Frederick Landman and John Miller.

Thirteen visitors from nearby Rotary Clubs were guests at Tuesday's luncheon-meeting.

Mrs. Frank Tyson Dies In Bryn Mawr Hospital

Funeral services for Mrs. Jean Parker Criswell Tyson, of 212 St. Georges Rd., Ardmore, who died Monday in Bryn Mawr Hospital after a two months' illness, were held Tuesday morning from All Saints' Church, Wynewood. She was 47.

A native of Pittsburgh, she and her family resided in Detroit, Mich., for many years before moving to Ardmore six years ago. She was a member of the Detroit Chapter, D.A.R.

She is survived by her husband, Frank H.; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar G. Criswell, of New York City; a son, Robert P., and two daughters, Miss Ann Hope Tyson and Mrs. Richard C. Davis.

College Groups To Give Concert

Bryn Mawr-Princeton Students Will Participate

The Bryn Mawr College Chorus and the Princeton Glee Club of Princeton University will present a joint benefit concert, Friday evening, March 12, at 8.30 P. M., at Goodhart Hall, Bryn Mawr College.

Sponsoring the concert are the Philadelphia Alumnae of Bryn Mawr College and the Princeton Glee Club of Philadelphia, and proceeds will be shared by the Bryn Mawr College Fund and the Princeton Third Century Fund.

Featured in the opening group by the Bryn Mawr College Chorus will be an original composition by the Director, Robert L. Goodale, assistant professor of Music at the college. The choral number, entitled "High Flight," provides a musical setting for the verses of John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Other selections by the Chorus include "Looke Downe, O Lord," by William Byrde, two versions of "Adoramue Te, Christe," by Orlando di Lasso and Brahms; "The Beatitudes," by S. Panchonko, and "Ave Maria," by Zoltan Kodaly. A smaller group will present four choral hymns from the "Rig Veda" by Gustav Holst.

Under the direction of J. Merrill Knapp, the Princeton singers will offer "And Now 'Tis Time to Go," from Bach's "Peasant Cantata;" "Oh, What Delight," from Beethoven's "Fidelio;" Haydn's "Maiden Fair," and "Your Voices Raise," from the Sixth Chandos Anthem by Handel.

ML Playhouse to Meet In Narberth March 9

A one-act play by the workshop group will feature a meeting of the Main Line Playhouse Tuesday, March 9. The meeting will open at 8.30 P. M. in the Narberth School auditorium.

Mrs. Leo McDermott, of Ardmore will direct the play and Bets Rogers will be stage manager. Cast members include Nancy Reese, of Narberth; Mary Jean Meagher, of Overbrook; Patricia McBride, of Cynwyd; Jeanne Smith, of Cynwyd; Clarita Regester, of Philadelphia; Betty Rowley, of Germantown, and Kattin Giles, of Narberth.

Special Service to Be Held in Bryn Mawr

A special communion service for men will be held Sunday morning, March 14, at 7.30 A. M., in the Chapel of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, with Dr. Milton H. Nichols as guest speaker.

The program will be under the direction of Henry A. Frye, of aNrberth. The service is sponsored by the Main Line Federation of Men's Bible Classes.

Start of Easer Seals Sale

Majorie Esibill, of 162 Union Ave., Bala-Cynwyd, hands Governor James H. Duff the first set of Easter Seals to be sold during the annual Easter Seals Sale of the Philadelphia Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Before making the sale, Majorie, afflicted with cerebral palsy and a student at the Mildren Malschick Fuhrman Clinic School, explained to Governor and Mrs. Duff that the proceeds from the Seal Sale will be used to help educate and rehabilitate the crippled children and adults under the care of the Philadelphia Society in Montgomery, Delaware, Bucks, and Philadelphia Counties.

ML Veterans Center Will Be Open Monday

The Main Line, Veterans Service Center, in the Memorial Building, Bryn Mawr, will be open Monday evening, March 8, at 7.30 P. M., for counselling and preparation of disability claims and hospitalization.

Arrangements for opening the center have been made because of the increase in the number of veterans visiting the Center.

On Thursday evening, March 11, at 7.30 P. M., the Center will be open for counselling on veterans insurance.

$1500 Taken From Each Appropriation In New Budget

The Narberth community playground, the Borough's greatest municipal asset, and the community library, the first library to be established in the Philadelphia suburban area, will suffer the most as the result of the curtailment of the Borough's 1948 budget.

The Borough Council planned a budget of $122,262.79, which would have allowed for an increased appropriation for both the playground and the library, but because the total increased tax rate desired by the Council was not approved by the Montgoemry County Court, the budget was cut to $117,012.79.

This cut in the budget caused the Council to drop a $1500 appropriation ear-marked to build a modern toilet-locker-room building on the recreation field, and a $1500 increase for the library.

The present appropriation for the recreation field has been set at $1400 which is used for salaries of the supervisors, care of the courts and the purchase of miscellaneous equipment.

Besides the new locker-room building, the recreation field will have to do without resurfacing of the basketball courts which are used all year around by Borough youngsters and repairs to the baseball diamond.

Funds left over from last year's Fourth of July fund will provide for additional grandstands to be erected on the Haverford Rd., side of the field, or new grandstands on the Wynnewood Rd. side.

Officials of the Library stated this week that the cut in the appropriation from $4000 to $2500 may cause curtailment of services now available to those who use the library.

Dr. Allen G. Chester, president of the Board of Trustees of the Library, stated:

"If the appropriation for the Library is not increased the library service will have to be curtailed accordingly. We cannot be expected to continue as we have in the past and still meet higher salaries and increased costs of books and materials."

Although an additional appropriation of $300 is received from the school board and approximately $100 a month is received from fines and rentals, the library is still lacking sufficient funds, Dr. Chester said.

"Last year we received contribu-

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Red Cross Fund Drive Launched

Objective of $200,000 Set; College Groups Help

Officials of the Main Line Red Cross announced this week that the 1948 Fund Drive was under way, with $200,000 as its objective in this area.

Thermometers which will record the progress of the campaign have been installed in railroad stations from Bala-Cynwyd to Villanova. Students from Rosemont, Bryn Mawr, Haverford and Harcum Junior colleges will service them each week, keeping them up to date with the collections made in each community.

This is only one of the ways that local students will aid in the drive, officials said. In Bryn Mawr College there is a Student Unit, which recently sent Lucille Mahieu as a representative to the conference of College Units in Washington, D. C. On February 27 Miss Mahieu addressed a meeting of College Unit members in the Main Line branch headquarters, Ardmore, to report on the conference.

The meeting was held under the auspices of Mrs. Arthur J. Reed, Red Cross volunter worker in charge of college units. Among those present were several students of Beaver College, as well as the chairman of the Bryn Mawr unit, Suzanne Henderson.

Two meetings for workers in the Fund Drive were held on February 27. Mrs. Walter B. Taite entertained at tea in her home in Merion, and Mrs. A. Purves Palmer, of the Mermont Plaza, invited her workers to tea on the same afternoon.

Three days later, on March 1, the 1350 solicitors enrolled on the Main Line began to make their calls. Before the end of the month workers will have called at every home or place of business in the area, in an effort to obtain a 100 percent response to the Red Cross appeal to the people.

OUR TOWN
IS ON SALE EACH WEEK AT THE FOLLOWING STORES:
Davis Store, 224 Haverford Ave., Narberth.
Granite Drug Store, Montgomery Ave., Narberth.
Narberth News, 238 Haverford Ave., Narberth.
Trainer's, 238 Woodbine Ave., Narberth.